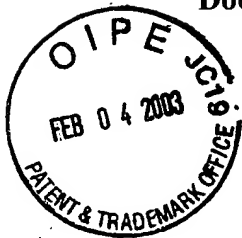


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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants request that the application be amended as follows. The period for responding to the Office Action has been extended, by enclosure of a petition and fee, to and through February 4, 2003.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-28 and 37-44 without prejudice to their presentation in another application.

Please amend claims 30 and 34 as follows:

B1 30. (Amended) The method of claim 29 wherein the capsid protein is WNV capsid protein.

B2 34. (Amended) The method of claim 33 wherein the virus is WNV.